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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

## TOWN OF WENTWORTH.

COMPRISING THOSE OF THE

Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor,  
School Committee, etc., etc.,

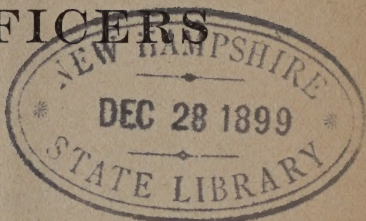
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1882.

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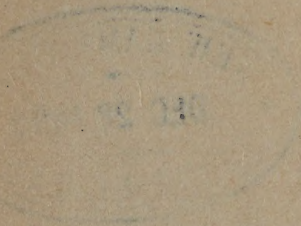
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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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*For the year ending March 1, 1882.*

The selectmen charge themselves with the amount of assessments for the year 1881, as follows:

Amount of resident cash assessment,	\$4,902 05
non-resident cash assessment,	117 70
non-resident highway assessment,	30 60
dog tax,	48 00
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	\$5,098 35

Of which they discharge themselves by the receipt of Charles Turner, collector, for	\$5,098 35
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The selectmen have given their orders on the town treasurer for the payment of the following bills amounting to	\$4,230 75
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For state tax,	\$600 00
county tax,	1,010 10
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	\$1,610 10

### SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid E. G. Tenney, school committee,	\$25 00
William H. Davis, town clerk,	25 00
John A. Davis, treasurer,	25 00
B. M. Libby, selectman,	25 50
O. Boyd,                   “	30 00

A. M. Cogswell, selectman,	40 50
A. M. Cogswell, overseer of poor,	11 25
Charles Turner, collector, 1881,	50 00
Charles Turner, collector, 1880,	8 00
John P. Eaton, supervisor,	3 00
Auditors,	6 00
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	\$249 50

## SCHOOL MONEY PAID BY ORDERS.

District No. 1. Paid Van Merrill,	\$80 00
“ Nos. 2 & 9. Willis A. Whicher,	158 00
“ No. 3. Samuel Nason,	42 00
“ No. 4. Moses E. Harris,	80 00
“ No. 5. Jona. T. Batchelder,	104 00
“ No. 6. Charles F. Downing,	68 00
“ No. 7. John L. Downing,	72 00
“ No. 8. Alphonso Brown,	74 00
“ No. 10. Joseph Savage,	62 00
“ No. 11. Wilbur F. Cotton,	54 00
“ No. 12. Edwin Glynn,	84 00
“ No. 13. E. L. Whicher,	22 00
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	\$900 00

## SOCIETY MONEY.

Paid Congregational Society,	\$11 00
Baptist Society,	9 00
Universalist Society,	13 00
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	\$33 00

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid H. P. Chase, labor in 1880,	\$11 00
W. W. Brown for plank, 1879 and 1880,	29 09
Humphrey, Dodge & Smith for bolts,	2 60
John Whicher for gravel, 1880-81,	4 00
D. P. Hoyt, labor and bridge stringers,	14 50



Geo. E. Jessaman, labor,	8 90
O. O. Whicher for plank,	3 24
B. W. Brown       “	90 61
E. G. Davis, work and stringers, B. bridge,	27 78
E. Boardman, gravel,	2 00
A. Page, labor and gravel 1879,	4 02
Job Colburn, labor,	2 62
Lyman P. Whicher, labor and plank 1881,	1 69
O. Boyd, work on Branch bridge,	4 25
S. W. Davis for plank,	35 09
B. T. White, labor,	1 00
M. L. Aiken, labor,	3 00
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	\$245 39

## BREAKING ROADS AND SHOVELING SNOW.

Paid Frank E. Webster, 1880,	\$5 68
Wm. McLaskey,       “	87
Alonzo Sanders,       “	7 88
Francis W. Clough,   “	1 25
O. O. Whicher,       “	1 50
E. Boardman,       “	9 75
Samuel Ellsworth,   “	1 00
Samuel Ellsworth, 1881,	6 74
Geo. E. Ellsworth,   “	5 25
Job Colburn, 1880,	7 36
Cyrus Downing, 1881,	8 71
Wm. Kimball,       “	4 50
O. O. Whicher,       “	4 60
L. P. Whicher, 1880,	60
O. Boyd, 1881,	3 75
R. Hobbs,       “	7 50
M. E. Harris, 1880,	4 26
E. F. Tyler,       “	2 25
J. S. Breck,       “	5 12
B. T. White, 1881,	3 75
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	\$92 32

## TOWN PAUPER BILLS.

Paid I. S. Sanborn for town of Gilmanton,	\$118 00
N. H. Asylum for J. F. Stevens,	102 95
“ Mrs. Flanders,	156 73
B. M. Libby, potatoes H. Aiken,	3 00
W. H. Moore, work done and goods, H. Aiken,	16 85
A. M. Cogswell, goods delivered, “	49 87
Eaton, Davis & Co., “ “	38 32
Wm. F. Richardson, mending boots and shoes,	
H. Aiken,	90
Dr. F. A. Durkee, services and medicines, H.	
Aiken,	7 50
A. Page, goods delivered, H. Aiken,	3 25
E. B. Currier, support of E. B. Currier, Jr.,	52 00
Eaton, Davis & Co., goods delivered, P. C.	
Clifford,	2 71
Eastman & Brown, goods delivered, P. C.	
Clifford,	6 95
Dr. F. A. Durkee, services and medicines, P.	
C. Clifford,	3 75
Dr. F. A. Durkee, services and medicines, E.	
B. Currier, Jr.,	3 00
O. S. Gleason, for hearse, John Dana,	2 00
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	\$567 78

## COUNTY PAUPER BILLS.

A. A. Dolloff for nursing Mrs. C. M. Merrill,	\$2 50
B. G. Bradbury “ “	12 00
F. A. Durkee, doctoring “	10 25
Elsie Youngman, “	20 00
John Whitmore, doctoring “	79 00
Samuel Harris, digging grave, G. Green's child,	3 00
H. D. Morey, coffin and use of hearse, “	8 50
O. B. Simpson, justice fees Chandler suit,	5 34
A. M. Cogswell, goods delivered, J. Radford,	29 37
“ “ G. W. Kim-	
ball,	8 00
F. A. Durkee, for doctoring G. W. Kimball,	17 75





A. M. Cogswell, cash paid out as overseer,	2 65
“ “ selectman,	6 00
B. T. White, snowing bridge,	75
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	\$276 95

### LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1882.

Town bonds,	\$15,100 00
Interest on town bonds,	500 00
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	\$15,600 00

### ASSETS.

#### Estimated as due from State:

Railroad tax,	\$650 00
Savings bank tax,	200 00
Literary fund,	75 00
Bounty,	10
Due from county, for support of paupers,	95 00
John Whicher, note,	187 95
Collector, 1876,	75
“ 1877,	61 50
“ 1878,	71 69
“ 1879,	60 48
“ 1880,	24 59
“ 1881,	1,098 35
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	1,841 62
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	\$4,367 03
Balance of indebtedness, March 1, 1882,	\$10,732 97
Decrease of debt the past year,	\$1,885 62

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. COGSWELL,  
O. BOYD,  
B. M. LIBBY,

*Selectmen of Wentworth.*

This certifies that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched by receipts given on the Treasurer.

SAMUEL G. CURRIER,  
MARK L. AIKEN,  
FRANKLIN EATON,

*Auditors.*

Wentworth, March 2, 1882.



## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*For the year ending March 1, 1882.*

### RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand of treasurer March 1, 1881,	\$1,262 78
Received of J. D. Osgood, collector for 1873,	4 25
M. L. Aiken,       "       " 1876,	2 30
M. L. Aiken,       "       " 1877,	15 00
M. L. Aiken,       "       " 1879,	25 00
Charles Turner,   "       " 1880,	872 10
Charles Turner,   "       " 1881,	4,000 00
for rents on lease land,	67 80
from county for support of paupers,	285 21
from state for railroad tax,	654 51
from state for savings bank tax,	216 69
from state for literary fund,	76 97
from state for bounties,	50
from town of Gilmanton for support of James Sanborn,	120 00
for one calf sold,	4 28
for damage done sheep by dogs,	4 00
for license for show,	1 00
for bonds sold,	200 00
 Total amount of receipts,	 \$7,812 39

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid orders of selectmen,	\$4,222 96
town bonds,	800 00
interest on bonds,	10 00

town coupons,	869 50
abatements of 1880,	10 10
abatements of 1881,	46 61
non-resident highway receipts,	7 60
on order of 1880,	4 00
Cash in hands of treasurer, March 1, 1882,	1,841 62
Total amount paid,	\$7,812 39
One order of Eastman & Brown, unpaid,	\$7 79

JOHN A. DAVIS,

*Treasurer.*

This certifies that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1882 and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

SAMUEL G. CURRIER,  
MARK L. AIKEN,  
FRANKLIN EATON,

*Auditors of Wentworth.*

March 1, 1882.

# SCHOOL REPORT.



In presenting to the citizens of Wentworth my second annual report of the schools, I will say we have had good schools throughout the town in every district for the past year, and the majority of the schools have been first-class. Good order and thoroughness of instruction have prevailed in nearly all our schools—two vital elements in the school room. I find a very marked improvement in the schools as compared with those of last year. The Prudential Committees have been very successful in their selection of teachers. The pupils have been more studious than they were last year. In those districts where in former times there has been so much discord, unity has existed instead; which is much better for pupils, teachers and all concerned. I would advise, as far as possible, to secure the teachers of the past year for the same schools the ensuing year. And pay them a salary high enough so they can afford to come back. Let no silly fancy, no trifling fault finding, no lack of money cause a change of teachers.

Our people make a sad mistake in making a change of teachers every term or two. Pupils will make much greater advancement with those who are acquainted with them than with strangers for the youthful mind needs to be cared for and educated by those who understand its powers, its motives, its tendencies and its peculiarities. These cannot be known to a stranger. Never hire a teacher simply because you can get one cheap; such are often the most expensive in the end.



The whole amount of school money raised for the year past was \$900; a sum of nearly \$200 less than for the schools last year. Therefore our terms of school have not been as long as in the preceding year. I hope some measure will be taken by which to raise more money and thereby prolong our schools for the ensuing year.

The enumeration of scholars for the year 1881 as taken by the Selectmen on the first day of April was as follows: whole number of boys 72; whole number of girls 64; making the whole number of pupils 136.

I will now report the schools as correctly as possible from what I could learn when visiting them, judging from examinations and their general appearance.

#### DISTRICT NO. 1.

Spring and winter terms both taught by E. G. Tenney. A very quiet, studious and pleasant class of scholars to teach. I will leave it for others to say whether the efforts of the teacher were successful or not.

#### DISTRICTS No. 2 and 9.

The spring term was taught by Miss E. M. Merrill. Good order prevailed and the pupils were studious and made good advancement in their studies. Fall term taught by E. G. Tenney. The pupils were very quiet, studious and respectful, and the teacher labored hard to teach them. I will leave it, as above, for others to judge of the success of the teacher. The winter term was taught by Miss S. C. Simpson. Miss S. is well and widely known as a teacher and it would be vain for me to attempt to add anything to her fame as such.

## DISTRICT No. 3.

The school was taught by Miss S. A. Reed. The pupils made good progress under Miss R.'s teaching for the brief time she had to instruct them.

## DISTRICT No. 4.

First term taught by Miss M. L. Colby; second term by Miss A. M. Whitcher. Both teachers had good success and kept very orderly and studious schools.

## DISTRICT No. 5.

Both terms were taught by Miss A. A. Libbey. The pupils were studious and interested. The teacher labored hard to instruct them, and all made excellent advancement in their studies.

## DISTRICT No. 6.

Both terms taught by Mrs. C. F. Downing. Mrs. D. gave good satisfaction as she had always in former times in that school. The pupils were quiet and studious.

## DISTRICT No. 8.

Spring term taught by Miss B. J. Powers. The pupils made good progress in their studies. Miss P. kept an excellent school for one so inexperienced, and was liked by nearly all. Winter term taught by Miss J. S. Clark. The school was very orderly and the pupils made good advancement in nearly all their studies.

## DISTRICT No. 10.

The spring term was taught by Miss M. E. Pillsbury. The pupils made very good advancement under Miss P.'s instructions. Fall term taught by Mr. G. F. Plummer. The pupils made most

excellent advancement in all their studies. Mr. P. ranks high as a teacher although it was his first term.

DISTRICT No. 11.

The school was taught by Miss F. A. Pillsbury. The pupils made good advancement. The teacher though young and inexperienced had good success.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Spring term taught by Miss E. M. Spaulding. The pupils made very good progress. Fall term taught by Miss A. H. Whitmore. I found the school under good discipline and the pupils making excellent advancement. Miss W. labored hard and her labors were crowned with good success.

Prudential Committees and teachers have been very kind to notify me of the commencement and close of terms. Only three teachers have properly filled out their registers. About 120 of our citizens have visited the schools. I wish there might be such an interest in our schools that all would visit them. Parents and citizens should exhibit as great an interest in the practical working of their schools as they do in things of minor importance—

their farms, merchandise and all their common affairs.

By referring to the tabular statement on the last page, you will get an understanding of the status of the schools. Thanking teachers and scholars who have shown me the utmost kindness and respect, with hardly an exception, I will close my report of schools for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD G. TENNEY,

*Superintending School Committee.*



## STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Term.	Names of Teachers.	No. of weeks of school.	Whole No. of Scholars.	No. of Pupils attending to the following Studies.											
					Reading.	Spelling.	Pennmanship.	Arithmetic.	Grammar.	Geography.	U. S. History.	Algebra.	Book-keeping.	Composition.	Vocal Music.	Physiology.
1	1	E. G. Tenney.	8	18	18	18	14	15	3	10	1	2	14			
2	2	E. G. Tenney.	12	18	18	18	13	15	3	9	2	1	2	15		
	1	E. M. Merrill.	7	18	18	18	15	18	3	9	10		2	15	18	
3	2	E. G. Tenney.	8	21	21	21	9	19	2	11	7		2	9		
	3	S. C. Simpson.	11	26	26	26	10	24	3	14	16	2	3			
4	1	S. A. Reed.	9	5	5	5	5	5	1	5						
	1	M. L. Colby.	7	12	12	12	11	10		5						
5	2	A. M. Whiteher.	9	12	9	9	8	8	1	6						
	1	A. A. Libbey.	6	17	17	17	8	11	2	8				8		
6	2	A. A. Libbey.	11	8	22	22	14	17	2	9				1		
	1	Mrs. C. F. Downing.	7	15	15	15	6	10	2	4						
7	2	Mrs. C. F. Downing.	8	13	13	13	7	10	3	3		1	1			
	1	J. A. Hall.	8	8	8	8	6	6	2	4		1				
8	2	E. M. French.	8	9	9	9	7	8	1	3		2				
	3	E. M. French.	10	12	12	12	9	11	4	7		3				
9	1	B. J. Powers.	8	18	18	18	14	14	3	14				14		
	2	J. S. Clark.	9	8	20	20	13	15	6	10	2		2			
10	1	M. E. Pillsbury.	9	7	7	7	5	6	6	3		3				
	2	G. F. Flummer.	8	3	3	3	2	2	2		2			2		
11	1	F. A. Pillsbury.	10	8	8	8	7	7	4	5						
	1	E. M. Spaulding.	3	14	14	14	9	10	1	8						
12	2	A. H. Whitmore.	7	13	13	13	13	9	1	8				6		
	1	Mrs. N. M. Nichols.	5	8	8	8	5	5								
13	2	Mrs. B. J. Elliott.	7	9	9	9	5	5	1	5						

\*Union District, Rumney and Wentworth.

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